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"MORE MICE THAN BRAINS."

This is a simple little story told in a simple little way, of the simple life among simpletons, in the great wide open woods, far, far, from the clammer and glammer of the big city.

The old farmer is pestered on all sides by a whole flock of mice. All day long they are throwing darts at him and playing mouth organs and bursting toy balloons in front of him.

Then one day, Horatio cat comes along and tells the poor farmer that he will rid his house of the darned mice--for a Consideration; that is to say for a spicely little dash of Uncle Sam's money. Well anyway somehow or other, they come to terms and it was agreed that Horatio do the work.

The business cat first starts out by capturing one of the mice by the old grindstone. He gets this mouse to carry his grindstone for him. They start out to peddle his wares. "Sharp a la Butcher knife"- Grinda Da Max," and etc. and they do get a job fixing up a frog stabbing knife for tough dog "Bozo" and at first Horatio is not successful in getting it sharp enough for the Bozo. Then the darned Gorilla slaps him down several times and tells him to try it again.

Horatio politely does this thing. He fixes a real sharp razor edge on the brutal knife, then whirls swiftly around and cuts the tough Bozo's wooden leg off. Then he and his mouse partner pack up and move on.

They are followed by the one leg Gorilla dog. The shrewd cat comes to a chasm and jumps nimbly across-- but when the flap foot Gorilla dog tries it he falls back, and downward, downward, into a quicksand quagmire of Oblivion. then of course no more noise is heard from him again.

Later that day, things become no better for our friend the farmer. infact they are becoming unbearable. He was very, very, busy with broom in hand and trying to sweep the score of mice out of his house, but the darn critters would rush right back.

Then to make things worse the blooming cat appeared on the scene and wants his "jack" that is, he demands a settlement right then and there. This makes the farmer sore, and a fight starts. The cat just about beats the farmer up when the mice come out and chase the cat away. All this amuses the farmer. The cat jumps into the lake, followed by the mice.

Then the old farmer is happy at last. He goes laughingly about his work, but when he turns the water faucet to take a drink, a flock of mice come out, and chase him away, from his hearth and home." Ain't awful?"

AESOP SAYS:-

"He who laughs last is the dumbest."

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